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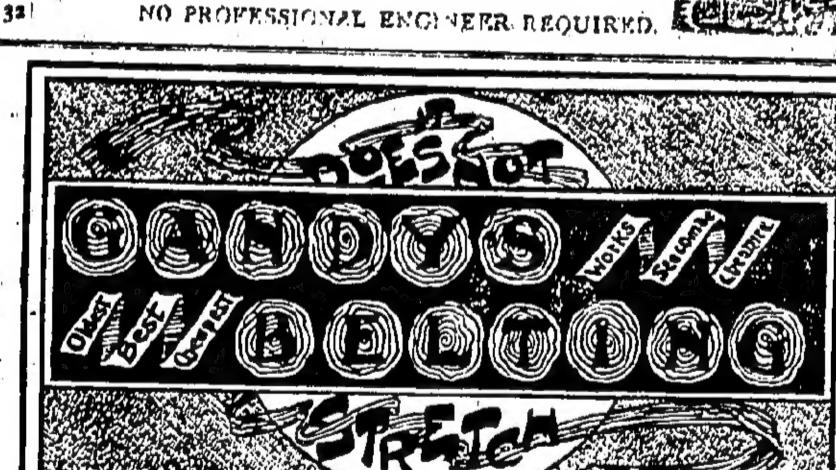
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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Houghous, 14th September, 1806,

# The Mongkong Welegraph

HOMOROMG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1897.

STORM WARNINGS. Are the storm warnings as set forth in the Gazette of 27th February, and published in another part of this issue, to supersede those issued by the Observatory in May, 1891? Nothing appears in the notification to this effect, and we are consequently in the dark as to whether the old warnings are to be done away with or are to be used in conjunction with the new, If the former supposition be correct, then we shall have no preliminary notice of typhoons by means of signals and shall have to depend on the information published in the China Coast Meteorological Register for our knowledge of the probable situation of approaching typhoons. If, on the other hand, the new signals are to be used in conjunction with the old, considerable confusion must inevitably result. The first thing that strikes us in the new signals is the indefinite terms used in describing them. For instance, does "from the Northward and Eastward" mean simply the eight points from N. to E., or is it intended to include the sixteen points of the semicircle from N.W. to S.E.? If the signal only takes in eight points we shall have no signal for sixteen points of the compass, namely, E. to S. and W. to N., while, if each signal indicates wind from any point between N.W. or S.E. to N.W. respectively, then they are more indefinite than those of the old system, when the drum and ball, were used in addition to the cones. The hoisting of the drum with the cone, when a strong gale is expected, is a decided improvement on the old order of things, as the public will be able to see at a glance if the gun has been fired which formerly they were unable to do without referring to one of the notice boards. The new signals are identical with those used throughout the United Kingdom, but we doubt if they will be found to be as suitable to the conditions under which they must be used in Hongkong as the old ones with which everyone in the Colony is acquainted. Then, too, except for the notice boards we shall be left absolutely in the dark as Any compliants should-be addressed to the to the probable distance of a typhoon from the colony, as no mention whatever 1427 is made of different coloured signals being hoisted if the centre of the depression is believed to be within 300 or 600 miles of the Colony, as the case may be. So far as we can estimate, the new storm warnings Lie the Council. may be summed up as follow: -(a.) They are more simple than the old signals, but less definite.  $(\delta_i)$  They are only intended to apply to the Colony and unless a gale or typhoon is expected here will not hoisted. (c.) They are not intended to show if the typhoon is near to or at considerable distance from the Colony and such information will only be supplied by being shipped thither from Hongkong and is the notice boards. The shipping interest will certainly benefit to some extent, for the cargo-boats will not, as formerly, be frightened away by the hoisting signals when a gale is only passing and not making direct for Hongkong The information published in the China Coast Meteorological Register and the notices will, presumably, be the same formerly, and that is what is chiefly needed. We understand that the real the alteration of the storm warnings lies in the complaint made on account of the cargo-boats and lighters being frightened away to places of shelter by the hoisting of the old black signals. which, without the firing of the typhoon gun, did not mean that we might expect a strong gale to strike the Colony. With the advent of the new signals the complainants have certainly gained their point; but whether they will be satisfied with the

#### TELEGRAMS. REUTER'S MESSAGE.

new order of things time alone can show.

If the new signals are to supersede the

old ones, then the China Coast Meteorological

Register should be widely circulated, and

we would suggest its being promptly

and regularly supplied to the newspapers.

GREECE AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, March 1st.

It is understood that a collective Note, giving Greece four days to evacuate Crete, will be preseated to-morrow. In the meantime hostilities have been resumed in the island.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA. The epidemic of bubonic plague is decreasin in India.

RUSSIA AND KOREA. Mr. Curson in reply-to a question said that the British Consul-General reports that Russian officers were drilling Kerean troops, but that this was hardly inconsistent with the Russian

> (From Rangeon Times.) THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

CALCUTTY, 5th February, The Epidemic Diseases Bill passed yesterday is welcomed by the entire. Press here. Another letter has been sent to the Corpora-

tion by the Government of Bengal in which the remark occurs that there have been far too many meetings and too much reporting. There is a general feeling bere that the Lieutenant-Governor will insist on the reconstitution of the Committee. The Health Officer has applied for twelve Medical Inspectors for service in Calcutta to visit crowded localities and watch carefully any sickness which occurs.

BOMBAY, Vebruary 5th. placed round the native city.

6 mortally up to date to 13,157, and adde that I by so many in Yokohaman

#### TELEGRAMS.

high as the rate is it probably sepresents but half the truth owing to defective returns and to natives copesaling cases.

BOMBAY, February 11th. The Government returns of the fatal plague cases show in Bombay 4,710, in the Presidency 1,094, in Karachi 1,198; in Sind 571. To-day! returns show in Bombay new cases 126, death; 134, deaths from all causes 232. CALCUTTA, February 11th.

Referring to the Government of Bengal's notification regarding the plague published in today's Gazette and wired you yesterday, the Daily News says the Medical Board has been made king of the situation and the Municipality has been superseded. The press generally speak favourably of the notification and rejoice that the matter has been taken out of Municipal hands.

BOMBAY, February 12th. To-day's plague returns show 115 new cases and 135 deaths, with 255 deaths from all causes. The week's mortality was 1,911, the highest yet recorded and the equivalent to a death rate of 119 65 per mille per annum. The number of deaths attributed to plague during the past week was 745, but 1,361 is more probably correct.

JUSTICE JARDINE RESIGNS. BOMBAY, Fabruary 5th. Mr. Justice fardine has resigned the service. It is understood he protested against the appointment of Mr. Ollivant to the Gavernor's Council.

> (From Kobe Chronicle.) CURRENCY QUESTION,

TOKIO, February 22nd, At a dinner given last night by Prince Konove, the President of the House of Peers, Mr. Soyeds, a Secretary in the Finance Department, delivered a speech upon the proposed change in the currency. Mr. Shibusawa, the Chairman of the Tokio |Chamber of Commerce, put questions in copposition. Count Matsugata replied in favour of the scheme, and was supported by Viscount Tain and Mr. Kawashims M.P., an ardent gold advocate.

#### PUNJOMS.

The Secretary of the Panjorn Mining Company. Limited, informs us that he has received the following telegram giving the result of the February clean-up :-

"The mill ran 27 days crushing 1,000 tons of ore 'yielding 160 ozs. of smelled gold ; 400 tons of headings crushed yielded 40 ozs. of smelted gold. Thirty-five tons of concentrates calcined yielded 37 ozy..of gold.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE death is announced of Sir Thomas Spencer Wells, the eminent surgeon.

THE Victoria English School Athletic Sports will be held at the Happy Valley on Saturday,

THE French Municipal election at Canton took place on the 28th ulto., M. Defetre being elected

IT is remoured in the Holy City that Major Alpoim will probably be appointed to succeed Senhor Horts e Costa as Governor of Macan. THE population of Formosa is, according to the

statistics complied by the Japanese authorities 2.461.915, chiefly Chinese or of Chinese descent. THE basvests having failed in Timor, rice is

being sold in the pofortunate island at famine THE Indian Famine Relief Fund in Yokohama stready totals more than \$5,500. The Strafts Times Fund totalled over \$33,000 on the 24th

ACCORDING to previous arrangements, Mr. Tommy Hudson and his Surprise Party may be expected here from Calcutta on or about the noth inst.

WE understand that the Brough Comedy Company, which is coming eastward from Australia next month, will open for a short season of six weeks in Hongkong.

[ONES.—" Bicycling is raining business." SMITH .- "I don't find it so. What's your bust-

IONES.-"I'm an undertaker."

IT is reported that the King of Korea has formally consented to the exhumation and further mutilation of the bodies of the two Cabinet Ministers who were so cruelly done to death in the streets of Seoul last February. Splendid I Long live the King of All Kores !

A "FAMILY TAILOR" named He Sing and a boy" named Ah Lun, in the employ of the Hon. Wei Yuk, were charged at the Magistracy to-day with stealing rolls of silk and silk clothing valued at \$80, the property of their employer. Inspector Onincey, who had the case in hand, traced some of the stolen property to pawnshops and recovered about \$40 worth. The prisoners were remanded till to-morrow.

THE Jiff states that the Yosen Kalsha steamer

Hiroshima Maru, which arrived at Bombay on Jan, 8th, is the first Japanese steamer that has made a voyage-to-a-foreign port with no foreigners on board. The crew consists of Mr. Shimadau Gosaburo, master, and 76 Japanese, The only difficulty heretofore found in making a voyage with Japanese alone has been the objections raised by the foreign insurance companies. in which the plaintiff claimed \$367 for work done by him for the defendants (who are also the Supreme Court to-day before His Lordship the Chief Justice. Mr. E. Robinson, instructed in the Far East, by Mr. H. L. Dennys, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, appeared for the defence. The evidence of Tang Fon and another witness occupied the whole day and at 4.30 p.m. the case was adjourned till 10.30 a.m. on Monday

A CHEQUE for \$3,500 was handed to Miss Masy facob at Yokohama on the 19th ult., represent-

A LARGE number of invitations have been I In view of the forthcoming 7-pr. competition the issued for the banquet to be given in the City | Volunteers are at present having-an unusual Hall on Friday next in honour of His Excellency Wu Tlog Fang, Chinese Minister to the United States, Spain, and Peru.

THE six prisoners charged with being concerned in the Qu'en's Road gang robbory were bought up at the Magistracy to-day, and after further evidence had been heard they were committed for telal on the 18th Inst.

INSTRAD of confining himself to his own decent avocation of carpentering, Wong Sing must needs go in for a "desi" in illicit oplum and the al taels found on his premires to-day cost him \$50 or a month's imprisonment with hard

THE Stramboat Company have arranged an excursion to Macao for next Sunday, the 7th instant. The speedy Honam has been selected for the trip and will leave Hongkong at 9 a.m. and return about midnight. The fare is \$2; servants 50 cents each way.

play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock :-

6 .- Scie tion ..... " Lohengrin "...... Wagner

OUR Canton correspondent, writing on the and inst., says !- "There has been something of a small-pox scare since, two of our community have been attacked by, it, and everybody has been getting vaccinated. Even our worthy medico, I hear, has undergone the operation, so I suppose we cannot but submit with due solemnity to the infliction: But if serum is going to cure all discases under the sun what will become of the poor doctors ?"

and especially to the Royal Water-colour Society. It carried off no fewer than six prominent members, Lord Leighton, Messrs Alfred Hunt, George Fripp, E. K. Johnson, B. Beavis and Du Maurier, while another member, Alfred Fripp, died in the preceding year. The committee has now opened a memorial exhibition of the works of these masters at the Society's coms in London.

THE Hibernians in the Straits mean to do houour to their patson Saint on the 17th inst. The Straits Times says that at a small meeting of Irish gentlemen resident in Singapore, held on the 17th ult, in Messes. Fer er and Cumming's effice, Battiry Road, it was decided to hold a ball on Patrick's Day, Wednesday, the 17th of March. Among those present were Lieut.-Colonel Pannefather, the Hon. Major Anderson, Mr. Prizell, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Payne Gallway, and others.

THE installation meeting of the Phonix Chapter Rose Croix, No. 17, S.C., was held yesterday afternoon, when the following officers were installed :- M.W.S , Sir Knight J. T. Andrew ; H.P., Sir Knight T. Spefford : S.W., Sie Knight C. Loebirel ; J.W., Sir Knight H. B. Bridger ; Treasurer, Sir Knight F Howell, 30 : , I.P.M. W.S.; Secretary, Sir Knight G. A. Watkins, 324, P.M.W.S.; M. of Cor. Sie Knight W. Farmer : Chanceller, Sir Knight J. H. Thomas .G., Sir Knight F. Uthe ; Equerry, Sir Knight

FROM Bangkók exchangesfreccived to-day we gather that the Siames. Government is "climbing down" and will make full reparation to United States for losses incurred through failure to settle promptly certain claims of United States citizens, notably one connected with the estate of the late Dr. Cheek, of Chengmai, Alas I Alas | No little war. Everything settling down allo same before, and the King so dreadfully unconcerned as to be making arrangements for trip to merrie, merrie England !

IT is reported that these was a big fight on board the Chelyra at Penang jon the night of the 22nd nit. The steamer was on her voyage from Chins to India, having on board men of the Hongkong regiment on their way home, row began between five of the Indians. Mohammedans, and the Chinese firemen. of the former is said to have been killed and three reported to be wounded. One Chinaman is said to be seriously burt. Eleven Chinese were arrested and locked up at the Police Station, and all the Indians and the remainder of the 'Chinese crew were brought ashore and detained at the Police Office .- Plnang Gazette. THE result of the drawing for 'the semi-final tie of the Football Challenge Shield Competition could not well be better and promises a fast and evenly balanced game between our strongest teams for the final, instead the result being a foregone conclusion; as too frequently happens. The teams to

which we refer are the Kowloon and Centurion.

Kowloon is generally regarded as the stronger

of the two, but, taking into consideration the

changes which have letely been made in the

personnel of it, we should not be at all surprised

to see the pavy men carry off the palm of

well together. LAST night's performance of "Les Cloches de performing ape caused hearty laughter and Corneville" by the Amateur Dramatic Club. at the City Hall, apparently pleased everyone. was protty and interesting and generally the Unfortunately several members of the company were indisposed and so were unable to appear, known local gentleman donned the clown's but notwithstanding this drawback everything | paint and "motley," and for one unused to the went off capitally and the audience showed work, he made a very satisfactory entries. On its appreciation by frequent and loud Friday night a leaping contest for China ponies applause. The principals, as usual, were pains- owned locally is announced, a fine silver cup taking and successful, and the chorus was all offered for being the winner. THE action Loo Lun v. Tam Chun and others, that could be desired. We can only express a hope that there is some foundation for rumour that Saturday's performance is not to be the fast, and that the public will have a few known as the Kwong Hop Wo), was resumed in more opportunities of witnessing the best staged | Finance Minister for approval. A meeting of and best played opera ever produced by amateurs shareholders, of the Bank is to be called within

THE Sydney, which left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 9th ult., with the homeward French mail, says the Free Press of the 23rd ult. passed, 45 hours after leaving port, the Prins Helevich, the parents of the girls lodged a complaint which left Singapore with the homeward German | with the local authorities and suggested that the mail at 10 a.m. on the same day, 7 hours shead | outgoing steamers might be scarched. The of the Sydney. The Bruest Stmons, which Houghoug authorities communicated with the came in on Sunday afternoon with the outward | British Consul at Bangkok and the latter French mail of the goth January, left Marseilles. | acquainted the Stamese Government with the ing the amount raised by subscription for her. 42 hours after the fixed time, owing to bad state of affairs, with the result that Inspector In acknowledging the cheque Miss Jacob wrote | weather. At Col mbo she was detained in | Sheriff was deputed to proceed on board every to the Secretary of the fund (Mr. F. S. James), | quarantine on arrival from Bombay, and there steamer arriving from Hongkong and to make The plague at Kurrachee is causing the saying :-" Nothing I can write will express the was some delay in coaling her, owing to there | enquisies after the two missing maidens from greatest alarm. The total is 1,035 cases and | deep gratitude I feel towards three who have | being four Messagesles steamers in port. The Hongkong. The Tatchow was first examined 960 deaths; filty thousand people have left the setted so nobly in coming forward spontaneously | Saghallen, the versel on which there was a | without soldie, but on boarding the Phranaus. place; more are leaving daily ! business is at a | to aid me in this time of necessity; and I accept, | beller explosion in November last, has been on the 17th ult. Mr. Shariff found a bery of standstill | a cordon of police and Beluchie is with thankfulness, this substantial proof of their withdrawn from the Indo-China line, and her Chinase ladies, who were brought ashore and sympathy and generosity. The remembrance place will be taken, for a trip only, by the marched to the Billish Consulate. They were The Times of India states the true plague of the bitter experience through which I have Pangles until the completion of the new steamer afterwards excepted to the police station, whence mortality in Bombay last week was about 1,720; persed will lose much of its poignancy when I Lace, which is an improved Brace! they were conducted to Boxispal Court, where at the rate of the day, bringing the total talak of the kindly feeling evinced towards mie Simons, and a very fine and fast thip, is to an investigation was held, The result has not female permanently on the Oriental line.

amount of drill and practice with these guns. The first prize, a handsome silver cup, is presented by Major Sir J. Carrington, and the second prize by Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. The Machine Gan Corps will also compete for a cup presented by the Hon. T. H. Whiteheadl - The date of the shooting has not yet been fixed.

AT the Police Court to-day two old women were ordered to be imprisoned a year cach for bringing into this colony sgainst their will two young girls (aged 15 and 17) for immoral puposes. The story of how they were bought and deported from Canton and the attempts to sell thom was narrated at full length and for the defence it was pleaded that the sole intention of the accused was to bring them to Hongkong to see the theatre. A shrewd excuse, but it didn't work.

Mr. HASEOAWA YUTARO has been engaged by the Chinese Government as a teacher of Japanese in the Kwanglung College, on the recommendation of the Educational Department. "Mr. Hasegawa has left Japan'for Shanghal en route

to Canton. He'is a good Chineseischolar, and THE Band of the West York Regiment will possesses an extensive knowledge of things Chinese. The Nippon observes that the blow given by Japan in the war has awakened China, and the Chinese Government bas shown a disposition to improve the state of the country after the model of Japan. A scheme is under contemplation to establish large schools for teaching the Japanete language in Peking as well as in Hupeh and Kwangiong. Mr. Hosegawa is the first Japanese teacher engaged by China.

THE very uncommon sight of bamboos in flower is reported from Trinidad. It appears from a paragraph in the Scientific American that the bamboos in the Botanic Gardens at Trinidad bore flowers this year, the occurrence being attributed to the thinning-out of a certain clump of bamboos last November, when a number of the stems were cut to provide fencing for the racecourse. In his twenty years' residence in the West Indies Professor Hart, Director of the THE year 1806 was peculiarly fatal to artists, | Botanic Gardens in Trinidad, has observed the flowering of the bambon, on two occasions only -in Jamaica in 1885 and in Trinidad in 1887. Our readers will doubtless recollect that the bamboo flowered in Hongkong in 1804, the plague year, and that the Chinese stiributed the ontbreak of the disease as due, to a great extent, to the blossoming bamboos, a fact which. according to our superstitious Celestial friends. always brings bad luck in its train.

THE first of the new twin-screw steamers for the European line of the Nippon Yusen Kalaha, the Kanagawa Maru, 5,800 tons gross, left Antwerp on axet January , and is intended to complete the voyage to Japan in ferty-five days, calling only at Singapore en route. For this service eleven other twin-screw steamers are under construction, making twelve new boats in all, They have been specially designed for the Easteen trade, and will have every facility for the rapid loading and discharging of cargoes, excellent accommodation for a large number of first and second passengers, and will be lighted throughout by electricity. Directly the new steamers are delivered, departures will be increased to a fortnightly service. The name, of the other new versels are Kamakura, Hakata Kawachi, Sanuki, Wakasa, Sado, Tamba, Bingo, Hitachi, and Sainano. Each of these vessels will be of 5,8 o tons grass.

In the U.S. Consular Court at Kobe on the 23rd ultimo a motion filed by Mr. Meclavish, manager of the local branch of the Hangkong and Shanghai Bank, was heard, that a deficiency adgment for the sum of \$18,337.49 and costs be granted against the Japan Camphor Company and that further execution should be levied upon the remaining property of the defendants and the same sold by public years : and after payment of costs the proceeds should be applied towards satisfying the original judgment and costs. Part of the property was sold and realised \$7,000, which was paid over to the creditor less the costs of the Court. The Court decided to grant the motion and enter up the deficiency and order the sale of the whole of the property of which the Company may be possessed within the jurisdiction of the Court ten days from date. The judgment to carry interest up to the time of sale on the deficiency, together with the costs,

THERE was a good attendance at Willison's Circus last night, when His Excellency the Governor honoured the performance by his presence. The Viceregal box was tastefully decorated with bunting for the occasion and the programme was the best the company has yet produced here, several new artistes figuring in the ring. The opening act, "Wild West Quadrilles " by six ladies and gentlemen, on grey steeds, wearing regular "cowboy" attire, was executed very well, the horses being managed with much skill. The sisters Pardu had hearly applause for their pretty dance and W. Hernander, a daring rider, received an ovation for his hurricane hurdle act. Miss Alice Wallett. Mile. Frederics, Harry Dixon, and La Patite Adele also gave some capital displays of horsemanship. The " Monkeys' Wodding Day " was extremely amusing, the two big spes showing excellent training, and the gusto with which they drank bottles of Rainier beer proves that they have no lack of good teste. The Virets repeated their clever contestionist feats, and the victory, provided they play carefully and keep trained ponies, borse, and donkey all did full credit to their trainers . The Clown Leo and his Peanuts was as funny as ever, The French game. " Jou de la Rose" by three lady riders show was first rate. In the first part a well-

> the THE rules for the Industrial Bank of Japan, that have been undergoing examination in the Financial Department, have been sent to the the next three months and business to to be commenced on the 1st July next.

Two Chinese maldens of Hongkong having been enticed away from their paternal abode sometime ago, says a. Bangkok paper, been published,

THE POSTAL SUBSIDY.

The following correspondence has been forwarded to us for publication by the Secretary of the Chamber of the Commerce :-

THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT. Sir,-I am directed to forward for the consideration of the Chamber of Commerce the enclosed copy of a letter from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to the Colonial Office on the subject of the future apportionment of the cost of the Eastern mail service, together with a report on the same by the Acting Postmaster-General, from which you will observe that that officer, to far as the information at his disposal enables him to judge, estimates this colony's share of the expenditure, if the proposed basis be adopted, at-£17,367 as compared with £6,000, the amount at present

contributed. I am to request that the Chamber of Commerce will be so good as to favour this Government with its views on this matter as soon as possible, as the Secretary of State for the Colonies has asked for an early report from His Excellency the Governor. "I have, &c."

H. STEWART LOCKHART. Colonial Secretary. The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

> Treasury Chambers, 11st October, 1896.

Sir.-With reference to the letter from this Board of the 9th September last, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's of State that before accepting the tender of the Peninsular and Oriental Co. for the Eastern mail service, it will, in their Lordships' opinion, be desirable to settle the apportionment of the cost of the subsidy between the different contri-

butory Governments. .I am to transmit two statements showing (1) the general principles which have hitherto been adopted for the apportionment, and (2) sististics of the correspondence exchanged in the year ended 31st March, 1896,

My Lords trust that these documents' may be accepted as the basis of the future arrangement. The exact amount of the several contributions last. cannot be decided until the tender has been definitely accepted and the assumed cost of the Australian portion of the service has been fixed; but if an agreement is arrived at on the principles to be adopted, the figures can be subsequently supplied without difficulty. .

The Secretary of State is no doubt aware that the total contribution received from the three colonies of Ceylon, the Straits Settlements; and Hongkong has hitherto been, less than one-half of the amount with which they can probably be debited on account of the service, the difference having been borne by the Imperial Exchequer. But My Lords have no doubt that the Secretary of State will agree with them that the time has now arrived when the Colonies may fairly be expected to pay their full share of the cost of the

> I am. etc.. FRANCIS MOWATT.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office, MR. THOMSON'S REPORT.-PRINCIPLES OF DIVISION OF COST.

A .- Ascertain the number of miles traversed annually upon each section of the service. B .- Ascertain the cost of each section by dividing the subsidy in proportion to the annual

mileage of each section. C.-Charge ope-half the cost of each section to the United Kingdom and divide the other half between India, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, Hongkong, and United Kingdom respectively, according to the number of letters which it exchanges with other places (such as Egypt. Dutch East Indies, Japan, Zansibar, East Coast

of Africa, etc.) D.-Divide incidental expenses in the same proportion as the cost of the service. E .- Divide amounts received for sea postage

on foreign closed mails between the contributing parties in the proportion which each bears of the service. [Here follows a table giving the annual mileage of the various sections of the service

and the number of letters chargeable to each.] Hon. Colonial Secretary,-As far as is understood here, the present basis on which our share of the subsidy to the P. and O. S. N. Co. is calculated is the following :---

1.—The distance from Brindist to Shanghai is divided into sections, and the subsidy is divided among the sections in proportion to the annual mileage of cach. One-half of the cost of the sections is assessed to the United Kingdom; the other half is assessed to India and the Colonies making use of the sections in proportion to the annual number of letters conveyed on behalf of each.

. IL-The sea postage collected by the Colonies is added to that collected by the United Kingdom and is then divided into two categories. (a) Sea postage derived from mails exchanged by the Colonies with the United Kingdom, of which half is alloted to the United Kingdom

and half to the colony concerned. (b) Sea postage accruing from intermediate mails and for mails conveyed on behalf of foreign countries, which is shared in the same proportion as the cost of the sections-over which the

mails may be carried. The difference between I. and II. gives the amount of the payment to be made. When the present contract was entered into the following

figures were arrived at :-

II. ..... I.OTE Difference ......£12,700

of which we actually pay 25,000. The proposed basis appears to differ from the present basis in the following respect :--To I. is added a proportion of incidental expenses divided in the same way as the cost

service. II.-There seems to be no mention made of any ses postage in mails coming under division

The data supplied by the London office in the table attached to these papers are not sufficient to enable me to mike a comparison of the amount that we should pay under the present and the prosposed basis, using the figures given and taking the contract at its present figure, £360,000. I.—With these figures I have worked out a

table which shows on the present basis our share of the cost of service to be £20,736. On the proposed basis there has to be added to this a sum representing our share of incidental expenses, for the calculation of which I find no

II.—Assuming the number of letters shown in the last column of the London table to represent the mails falling under (a), I have worked out a table which shows that our share of the sea postage comes to £3,368 as. But I find no data from which to calculate our share of the sea postage on mails falling under (b).

From the above amount £20,736, deducting £3,368 2s. leaves a balance of £17,367 18s. which is, more or less, the sum we should have to pay, instead of £6,000 as at present

A. M. THOMSON, Acting Postmaster-General. Here follows a table showing the division of and between the various sections of the mail THE CHAMBER'S REPLY.

1st March, 1807. Sir,-I have the honour to acknowledge East had been allowed to occur. It was necesreceipt of your letter of the grd ult. forwarding Larry for Her Majesty's Government to arrive at for the consideration of this Chamber copy of a la decision without loss of time; and, an ever despatch from the Lords Commissioners of since 1800 they had been kept well informed of Her Majesty's Treasury to the Colonial Office on the subject of the future apportionment of the cost of the Eastern mail service. logether with a report on the same by the Acting Postmaster-General in which he estimates this colony's share of the expenditure on the proposed basis at £17,367, as compared with £6,000, the amount of the present contribution, and inviting this Chamber to give its views on the subject as soon as possible, . .

In reply, I am directed to state that a subcommittee has been appointed to look into the matter, which my Committee consider to be of great importance, and on which it is impossible in Chica. for them to pronounce an opinion without further information than that at present before them. To afford opportunity to gather that information they are compelled to defer giving a definite reply, and respectfully ask His Excellency the Governor's indulgence for the unavidable delay.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedent servant R. CHAITERTON WILCOX,

Secretary. To Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockbart, Colonial Secretary.

THE INCREASE IN CABLE RATES.

The following is the despatch of the Foreign Treasury to request you to inform the Secretary Office on the above subject, referred to briefly in Chinese Government on the subject, ...... our lest Issue :-

Foreign Office.

14th December, 1795. Sir,-The Marquis of Salisbury hashad under consideration in communication with the Postmaster-General your letter of the 29th of September last; by which the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce protest against the Convention between the Eastern Extension and Great Northern Telegraph Companies and the Chinese Telegraph Administration which was ratified by Her Majesty's Government on the 30th of July

With regard to the assurance said to have been given in 1890 that no Convention between the Telegraph Companies and the Chinese Administration would be ratified without previous reference to the representatives of the commercial communities in China and Hongkong, it is presumed that reference is intended to the statement of Sir James Fergusson in the House of Commons on the 8th of May, 1890, when he was Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the effect that "the consent of Her Majesty's Government would not be given to any such agreement without full consideration of all the interests involved and consultation with the representatives of British

in mercantile circles that effective competition the interview as follows :with the Cable Companies might arise Honskong. The arrangement was in barmony with the International Telegraph Convention; Commerce and the China Association to take serum. action with a view to prevent the ratification of the Convention, felt bound to reply that there was nothing in its provisions which furnished a ground for protest.

the whole situation adhering to the Union.

community had to contemplate was the raising unchanged for an indefinite period.

Owing to the recent action of Her Majesty's laif-chance of blame for infecting large cities Government, this state of affairs will be obviated, should the plague happen to break out The rate will, it is true, be uniform, and pro- there, and, secondly, because horses can easily winds are probable from the northward or eastvision is made for the collection of the full and cheaply be obtained in the locality. The ward, equivalent in local currency; but the rate itself serum is obtained from the blood of horses, the will be reduced from eight francs fifty centimes | animals being treated by injection until they are to seven francs from the 1st July, 1897. But not immune from plague. The laboratory is now in wind, are probable from the southward or westmerely will the merchants in China be thus charge of two skilled veterinary assistants, who ward. protected from an increase of the charge in local | will go on preparing the serum in Dr. Yersin's |. These signals are considered justified if currency to an amount corresponding to the pre- absence; and will furnish him with a further lowed, at any place within 50 miles of whi sent rate in france, but their correspondents in the consignment of 700 bottles in about a month's they are hoisted, by winds of force 6 or upwards United Kingdom will enjoy an actual reduction time, the process of preparation being a long, to force 12 within 45 hours, and too late if it five skillings and sixpence a word.

negotiations relating to the new Convention, be hermetically sealed bettles to avoid any chance times when the weather-forecaster believes that numerous reductions, many of considerable of alteration or decomposition. in the Far Last.

tives of commerce in this country and the Far the views of the mercantile community on the whole question, there would have been no advantage in inviting a fresh expression of

attending a reference to the various representa-

op'nion. It will thus be seen that, apart from collateral advantages. Her Majesty's Government, by promptly acting in defeace of the interests of the commercial community, secured the insertion in the new Convention of provisions binding the Companies to a reduction to the charge from this country to China of one shilling and sixpence a word, while preventing a large increase of the amount to be collected in local currency

On the question of a cable across the Pacific. It would be premature for Her Majesty's Government to express an opinion while the matter is

which is now sitting. With regard to the reduced rate charged for tel-grams in Chinese, a matter to which the Shanghal-Chamber of Commerce bay referred in correspondence with Her Majesty's Minister at Peking, I am to observe that the arrangement has not been brought about by the new Convention. " It "has, the Postmaster-General is informed, been in force for many years; it is a purely local affair; it is one to which China attached much importance; and it does not appear that Her Majesty's Government would be justified in making regresentations to th

I am. Sir. .Your most obedient, humble servant. FRANCIS BERTIE. The Secretary to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

THE CHAMBER'S REPLY. set Llarch, 1897. Sir.-I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th December last in reply to a letter addressed by this Chamber to the Most Noble the Marquis of Salisbury, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and am instructed by my Committee to tender their hearty thanks to his lordship for the careful consideration given to the question of the increase, of their rates by the Joint Telegraph Companies after the conclusion of the Telegraph Convention at Peking in July last.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient humble servant, R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.

Secretary. To Francis Bertie, Esq., Foreign Office.

CURE FOR THE PLAGUE

DR. YERSIN INTERVIEWED. In the Singapore Free Press of 23rd ultimo we find a very interesting report of an interview In considering the new Convention. Her accorded by Dr. Yersin to a representative of Majesty's Government could not but recognise that journal. After giving a brief description of that since 1890 the circumstances, had entirely the appearance of the distinguished scientist, the changed. In 1890 there was an expectation Singapore journal proceeds with the report of

In manner he betrays a slight tendency to through the opening of new liner, already | nervousness at first, but that quickly yields to in contemplation, across the land frontiers an amiable readiness to impart to his hearer of Chins. Special imperiance was attached some idea of his views on the matter of the to the projected route via Helampo, which plague, and the efforts he has been making to effered the prospect of communication with get at the means of devising methods, on Europe through Russia without touching the Pasteur's principles, for providing a remedy cable systems at any point. But it proved which shall be equally of use in combatting the to be the settled policy of the Chinese and disease where it is actually present and in fur-Russian Administrations not to use this route in nishing aprophylactic against its insidious attacks. competition with the Cable Companies at a lower As, for the most part, his investigations have tariff; and in 1892 the two Administrations | been conducted quietly and not coram populo, entered into a Convention under which the the attitude of many medical or scientific authothrough rate to Europe win the Chinese and the rifles towards his work is yet rather that of Russian land lines was fixed at the same amount | expectant observation than of convinced accepas that charged with Vladivostock and wid tation. But the frank way in which Dr. Yersin and Her Majesty's Government, on being urged | the sincerity of the speaker and his faith in the by (amongst others) the Hongkong Chamber of | curative or protective powers of his anti-plague

Dr. Yersin, who is a passenger by the homeward bound French mail steamer Natal, goes to Bombay at the request of the British Government, proceeding via Colombo, Tuticoria and When therefore the new Convention (between | Madras, Being furnished with a small supply the Companies and the Chinese Administration) of his curative serum, he will not at present go came before Her Maj-sty's Government, it was in for any general treatment of natives, but will clear that the agreement to charge a uniform rate | confine his attentions, for the most part, to must be regarded as an existing fact governing European patients, whose cases will be carefully the report presented last year, extraordinary watched and recorded. He takes with him 700 mrelings were held on the 21st March and 6th .To the desire of the Companies to modify the flacous of prepared anti-plague serum, and he April last and the capital raised to \$250,000, amount to be collected in China as the equiva- informs us that he requires to give to each person, lent of the exchange, this country, as a member | to cure him, from three to five of these small the International Telegraph Union, could bottles, the serum being injected bypodermically offer no opposition. It is stipulated in the Inter- by a special syringe of Dr. Yersin's own inven- gers to write off anything for 1896 for deprecianational Telegraph Convention that the charges | tion. The injections are made in the flanks of | tion, or to set saide anything to reserve. This in international telegrams must be the same in the abdomen in a manner entirely similar to I accounts for the large sum that must be carried both directions, and one of the regulations of that which is pursued at the Pasteur Institute for forward. that Convention provides for the settlement of hydrophobia, save that the doses are much the international accounts on the basis of effect larger, hence the necessity of a special syringe. | the Articles of Association, Messrs. Gillies, tive france in gold. It follows that the charges As to the efficacy of his treatment, Dr. Yersin Lewis, Frekiel and Tomes retire, but offer them. should be collected on the basis of the actual | tells us that in one or two cases in China, where | selves for re-election. Mr. C. A. Tomes was value of the france to local currency. There are | the victims were almost moribund, being in a appointed when Mr. Showan took his leave. several countries, including British India and state of come on the 13th day of the fever, the Auditors.—The accounts have been audited the Straits Settlements, in which the charges result of the application of his injections was by Messrs. T. Arnold and F. Henderson, who have from time to time been revised on a gold ultimate recovery. Of course, the best time is are recommended for re-election. basis in view of fluctuations in the currency; on the first day of the plague, but the injections and this course, by a regulation adopted by the | can be performed at any time up the third, fifth recent International Telegraph Conference of or seventh day, and even in rare cases up to the Buda-Pesth, was made incumbent on every State | 12th day, as the duration of the disease is a long one. As a prophylactic an injection of 10 cubic In these circumstances, what the mercantile | centimetres of the prepared serum is sufficient

to protect any person for one month. of the charge of two dollars (a charge admittedly | Dr. Yersin's laboratory is situated at Nhafar short of the proper basis of collection) to the Trang, a quiet place on the coast of Annam, full equivalent of the rate of eight france fifty far removed from all cities and thickly the time-ball at Kowloon Point. They are centimes—a rate which would have remained populated districts. The site was chosen, similar to those hoisted in the British Isles by for two reasons, first, because it avoided of the charge in sterling from seven shillings to tedious and difficult business. In appearance blows a gale of force o before they are hoisted, the serum is of a pale, limpid, yellow colour, and very HEAVY GALES.

There will, moreover, as an outcome of the after being thoroughly sterilised is put into A Drum may be heisted with the cone at

amount, in the local rates between places on On being interrogated as to the manner typhoon force from the direction indicated the Eastern Extension Company's system. For in which Bombay was infected, Dr. Yersin by the cone, is approaching, and a gun, placed Singapore, and British India, which amounted on the rate, the portion of Bombay which was drum is hoisted. the 1st of January, 1896, to one dollar eighty first affected being near where the granuries | The use of the drum is at present suspended cents, one dollar forty cents, and one dollar are situated, the rate cither eating the infected | in the British Isles, and no gen is fired there. eighty cents, respectively, will be reduced from grain or the dead rate found in the grain It is considered justified if followed, at any place the 1st January, 1897, to one dollar twenty-five spreading the infection throughout the city. within 50 miles of where it is hoisted, by a gale cents, minety cents, and one dollar fifteen cents, He stated that he was firmly convinced that of force 8 and upwards to force 12 within 48 respectively, while the corresponding rates from the injection of Bombay had proceeded from hours, and too late if it blows a gale of force of Shanghal will be reduced from one dollar Hongkong by means of rate on board cargo before it is holsted. seventy-nine cents to one dollar twenty-five vessels, and advanced that as one reason, and a cents, from one dollar forty-nine cents to one sufficient reason, why ships from injected Asiadollar fifteen cents, and from two dollars twenty- tie posts should not be allowed to touch Europe it were daylight, a night signal will be heisted in four cents to one dollar fifteen cents. In addi- at all. And in view of so weighty an opinion place of the come, consisting of three lanterns tion there will be substantial reductions in the the immunity of Singapore, which is a matter | showing white or any colour, but all alike, hung rates between Europe and Japan and between for congratulation, may probably be traced to on a triangular frame, point apwards or down. Europe and the Straits Scitisments, Labuan, the fact that so large a proportion of the count | wards as the case may be. No lanteres are and the French, Dutch, and Spanish possessions ling steamers load and discharge in the roads. I holated to represent the drum-Returning to Bombay, Dr. Versin pointed out In every once when it is thought that imme The opportunity of securing this beneficial how the plague was most virgient amongst the diste danger is over the signal in at once attangement would have been lest if the dainy | poorer clauses of the city, and especially these | housest,

connected with shipping. He also remarked that in Hongkong it was only during the second appearance of the plague that Europeans were so much attacked, the plague apparently becoming more virulent the second year. So far as can be seen the infection is not air-borne, but the germ, he thinks, probably moves in the soil, being a very slow-moving one. One peculiarity of the plague was this, that sometimes a city might be free from the plague for years, who cas surrounding cities and villages were taken in regular succession, the germ apparently travelling in a circular fashion and slewly but surely closing in on the unbappy place. As to its period of incubation, this was still indefinite, but it must be at least 15 days, judging from the cases which come from Hongkong to Singapers. In the case of mice, which he injected with a proportionately large quantity of microbes, the incubation period was about 40 hours, and in eight hours after that they would all be dead. Very often until about an hour before their death they would jump about as lively as ever, when they would being lovestigated by the Committee represent- | negln to droop and show signs of sickness and ing the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, | go about with tears in their eyes, and then lie down and die. Nothing certain could be inferred from this, however, as regards human belogs. D. Yersin expects to be away a short time only, and will probably return in a little over a month's time.

> INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND. The Honorary Treasurer of the Indian Famine

Relief Fund begs to acknowledge receipt of the undernoted subscriptions :--" Already schoowledged ...... \$ 46,180.56

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\$46,697,56 After the above had been set up in type we received from the Hon. Treasurer another list of contributors, showing that the total amount subscribed to date amounts to \$46,885.56.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS. Subscription Lists will be found in the various Banks, stores, and Clubs in the Colony,

THE BONGKONG ROPE MANU-FACTURING CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of the Board of Directors for presentation to the shareholders at American mail due. speaks of his experimental treatment of pronounce the thirteenth ordinary general meeting to be ed, even savanced, plague cases certainly attests | held at the office of the General Managers on the 15th instant at noon :-· Annexed we have the pleasure to lay before

shareholders the annual statement of accounts made up to the arst December, 1806. The net profit, including the balance brought lorward from last year, amounts to \$71,353.93, which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:--To pay a dividend of 20 per cent \$50,000,00. To carry forward to next year's

In accordance with the intention expressed in by transferring \$ 100,000 from the reserve. By the reading of Art. XVI as amended last year, to permission is given the General Mans-

Consulting Committee. - In accordance with

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, and March, 1897.

STORM WARNINGS.

order of the Meteorological Office, London,

The following notification with reference to storm warnings is published in the Garetter-Storm signals are hoisted on the mast beside

MORTHERLY GALES. A Cons point upwards means that strong

SQ' THERLY GALES. A Come point downwards means that strong

a strong gale, which may possibly reach

At dusk whenever a signal ought to be flying.

NOTANDA. CALENDAR MARCH.

On date at On date at

30.01

Meleovological means based on ten years' observations to 1893. Berometer .....30.059 Hamldity .....85. Ratifal ..... 4 of inches. TO-DAY. WEATHER PEPORT.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1897. Note-Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is so called from the vistbolic ceremony of strewing ashes on the head as a sign of pentience.

Barometer .... 30.13

Rainfall .....

Thermometer .....

Humldity....

Chinese .- 1st of 2nd moon of 23rd, year of Kwong-sil. Fête day of the Supreme Judge in the Courts of Hades. Jewl-h .- 291h Adar, 5657.

Mohammedan. - 28th Ramadin, 1314 Sun-Rises ..... 8hr. #2min. Sets ..... Smin. High water-Morning ............. 10hr. 31min Low water-Morning ......... 4kr. 30min. Afternoon ..... 4kr. 56min.

ANNIVERSARIES. 1841-Liptak (Howqua's Folly) captured by the 1877-Great Fire at Foochow. 1890-Japanese steamer Yetchin Maru lost on

the Rattler Rocks, near Hakodate, 1893-Borneo Lodge of Freemasons consecrated at Sandakan. 1895-New Club House of the Hongkong Golf Colonial Secretary's Office,

Club opened by Com. Boyes, R.N. TO-MORROW, Tauriday, 4th March, #807. Chinese, - 2nd of 2nd moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sii. Spring worship of the gods of the land and grain. Jewish .- 30th Adar, 5687. Mohammedan:-271h Ramadon, 1314. (Last day of the Fast month.)

Sets in Smin. Moon.—In Equator ..... 2hr. pm. High water-Morning ......10hr. 15min. Afternoon ....... 10kr. Smin. Low water-Morning ..... Shr. 57min. Afternoon ...... Shr. 33min. ANNIVERSARIES.

371-Mencius torn. 1193-Emperor Saladin, died, 1850-Chiu Apou's piratical flact of 13 junks destroyed in Min Bay by H.M.S. Thomes near Nagasakh

1879-Collision between the steamers Ocean the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged. and Pusing and loss of the latter with many lives. 1889-Emperor Kwong-sü assumed the government of China.

MEMORANDA.

To-DAY,-3rd March. o p.m.-Willison's Circus at back of City Hall.

To-MORROW,-4th March.

FPIDAY, -5th March. 5.15 p.m .- Meeting of the Odd Volumes Society at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City

7.30 p.m.—Banquet to H.E. Wu Ting Fang,

SATURDAY, - 6th March. Tacoma and Indian mails due. Victoria English School Athletic Sports at the Happy Valley. 2.30 p.m.-Auction of drapery, etc., at Mr. G P. Lammert's sale-rooms, Duddell Street, o p.m.—Performance of "Les Clockes de Comeville " by the A. D. C. at the Theatre Royal,

SUNDAY, -7th March. English mail due. o a.m.-Honom will proceed to Macao on a excursion trip, weather permitting. SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE: American (Gaelle) to-morrow. Indian (Sultang) 6th inst. Tacoma (Victoria) 6th inst. English (Rosetta) 7th Inst. German (Sochsen) 10th inst. American (City of Peking) 15th inst, American (Dorte) 23rd lost. Tacoma (Olympia) 26th inst.

City Hall.

THE P. & O. Co.'s steamship Rossila, with the next English mail, left Singapore for thi port at 4 p.m. yesterday, and may be expected here about 8 s.m. on the 7th lost.

Yikiang .....

Dauleros .....

Sishang .....

Pederation.....

Phya Nang ......

SHIPPING RETURNS. From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 p.m. to-day. ARRIVALS. Caylon .....steamer, for Singapore

Chingklang

Salgon

Salzon

Java

Bangkok

Swatcw Talsang ... Chingkiang Tenshin Marn ..... Aggregating 12,575 tons register, DEFARTURES. Devawongse ......steamer, liom Swatow Sheeghal Halphone Singapore Europs : Shanghal Taiwanico

Honekone ... ..... Chian. Chiyusa ..... Canton Nanchang ....... Canton Egrope Holhow Phra C.C Rlao ... ,, Queen Victoria ..... Manila . Manila John R. Kelly ...... Aggregating 22,968 tons register,

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS. Prinsess Wilhelm ..... in Kowloon Dock. Kiangnan ...... Centurion. H.M.S ..... Kachidate Mars...... Nanchang interior a Comppolitam Girniandi structurationers

SWATOW. Arrivals. Mar. 2 Talcheong ... Amy ...... & H. Tolsang ..... Shanghai ... J. M. & Co. Hothow ..... Chefoo ...... B. & S. - Departures. Mar. 2 Tatrang ...... Hongkong ... J. M. & Co. In Port-Hothow and Tatcheoug.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD 22nd Jan .- Palawin, Aga. 26th Jan. - Agamemmon. Dette Richmers, Normandle 29th Jan .- Melpomene, Oceana, Keelong, St. Andrews. and Feb .- Cyrus, Dordogne, 5th Teb .- Hector, Kanagawa Maru. oth Feb .-Glennwon, Menelaus, Helen Rickmers 12th Feb. - Anapa, Guadeloutver 16th Feb. -Rentarig, Erata, St. Giles, St. Terowe. 10th Feb.-Hertha. Japan, Asloun. Salinie, Ceres. 23rd Feh .- Rllen Rickmers, Tosa Maru. 26th Feb. -- Anping, Pathan Sofate Rickmers. Tamsui. 2nd March-Friega. Glenshiel, Marquis Racquehem, Gisela. Benedick, Orestes, Mertonethshire, Tencer, Caretie.

HOMEWARD-23rd Fab.-Rormeo. 26 h Feb. -Pakling, Prins Heinrich, Sydney.

#### Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION

OTICE is hereby given that 9-POUNDER GUN PRACTICE will be carried out by the Crew of H.M.S. Immort-life at Kowloon East side across Kowloon Bay, TO-MORROW. the 4th instant, between the hours of Q A.M. and Noon.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range. By Command

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.

COMPANY, IIMITED.

Hongkong, 3td March, 1807. HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

ONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half-Year endel grat December, 1895, on ce before the 15th March, on which date the ACCOUNTS will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE,

Hongkong, 25th February, 1897. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896. ONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are

requested to furnish the Undersiened with 1875-Wreck of the British barque Fride of the a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that Returns not rendered prior to the grat day of. March instant will be adjusted by the Office, and no CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequantly admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, zet March, 1807.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFAC-TURING COMPANY, LIMITED,

THE- THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOL-I)ERS in the COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th March, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the General Managers for the year ending anst December, 1895, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 15th instant,

both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 1st March, 1897.

OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED,

R TOTICE is hereby-given that the CALL of \$1.50 Cents per Share on B Shares 25001/25556, 26094/26143, 25194/26343, 25394/25593. 26991/27043 28438/28637. 32861/33818, 36104/36203, 34069/34103. 35696/36720, 37284/17309 37941/37094 38830/38943 38495/38594 39245/39249 40493/40534 40856/41055 41656/41755, 41984/42284, 42384/42483 42584/42783, 44184/44283, 44484/44533 45132/45231, 47372/47421, 44884/44983. must be PAID to the Undersigned at the Office

of the Company, 38 and 40. Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 16th day of March, 1897, and Notice is also given that in the event of non-payment of such Call at the Office of the Company aforesald on or before the said 16th day, of March, 1807, the above-mentioned Shares will be liable to be forfeited. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers. Hongkong, 1st March, 1807.

#### Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION ONE ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE DRAPERY AND OUTFITTING.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1897. commencing at 2.30 P.M.

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FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND HAMBURG. (Taking Cargo at through rates to COPENHAGEN, STOCKHOLM, NORRKOPING, GEFLE, DANTZIC and KONIGSBERG, with transhipment in HAMBURG.)

HE Company's Steamship

Captain Daniel, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the roth March. For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1807. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN," Captain Nelson, will be despatched on FRI-DAY, the rath March, at 3 PM. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkony, 20th February, 1807. "RICKMERS!" REGULAR, LINE OF

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FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG. THE Company's Steamship

"Helene Rickmers," Captain Rebbellmund, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 18th Match. For Freight, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Hongkong, 27th February, 1847.

#### Shipping.

STRAMERS.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL. Y"HE Company's Steamship

" DIOMED." Captain Barilett, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 8th March. For Freight, apply to

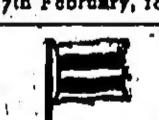
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, 26th February, 1807.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL. THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN." to sall about 70th March, 1897.

S.S. "MACDUFF," to sail about 22nd March, 1897. For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

with the state of Hongkong, 27th February, 1807.



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FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

WHE Company's Steamship "TOKIO MARU," Captain E. S. Barstow, will be despatched for the

above Ports on FRIDAY, the 26th March, at. This Steamer possesses Superior Passenger Accommodation and carries a daly qualified

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Hangkong, 22nd February, 1807.

#### Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

FOR CHINKIANG (DIRECT). THE Company's Steamship

"TAMSUL" Captain Vaughan, will-be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 4th March, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents. Hongkong, 27th February, 1897.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT). THE Steamship

"TOYO MARU," Captain Hayashi, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Hongkong, 25th February, 1807.

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Agents, Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAL -THE Company's Steamship

Captain Benson, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th March, at 4 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hangtong, 27 h Fabruary 1807 THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGA-

TION COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR LONDON. VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF

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THE Company's Steamship \_\_uningchow,"

H. Willis Jones, Commander, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 5th instant, at 5 P.M., instead of as previously advertised. For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, 1st March, 1807.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND -CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR," Captain J. G. Olifent, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 6th March, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Hongkong, 27.h February, 1807 CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT). "HE Company's Steamship

"NANCHANG." Captain Finlayson; will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 6th March, For Freight or Passage, apply to

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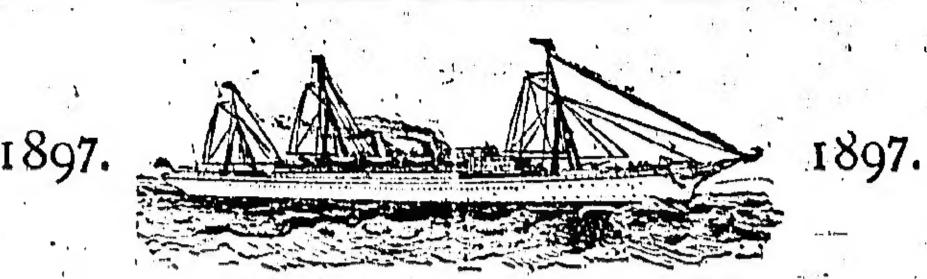
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THE Steamship "TACOMA." Captain T. A. Whistler, R.N.R., sailing at Noon on TUESDAY, the 9th March, will proceed to; VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

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H. A. RITCHIE, Hongkong, 25th February, 1897.

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MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECUE and CARGO. will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLEE ARG GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noor on SATURDAY, the 27th March. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 20th March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Moose on Monday, the

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